(b) The line from Banspani to Joruli (11 Km) has been completed. The section from Joruli to Keonjhar (48 Km) is nearing completion. On the rest of the section, earthwork, bridgework and other ancillary works are in progress.

(c) The project is likely to be completed during 2004-05.

(d) To expedite completion of the project, part funds have been tied up through the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Beggars in Karnataka Express

665. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that beggar menace in Karnataka Express has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Incidents of entry of beggars in trains come to notice from time to time. Regular as well as special checks are conducted by ticket checking staff in association with Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police to remove such elements from Railway premises. Separate train-wise statistics are not maintained.

SEB's dues to Railways

666. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State Electricity Boards who owe huge amount of Railways as on 30th June, 2003;

(b) whether Railways has taken up the matter with State Chief Ministers for clearance of the dues; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) A statement is enclosed. (See below).

The major defaulters amongst State Electricity Boards are:

(i) Punjab State Electricity Board. (ii)

Delhi Vidyut Board.

(iii) Rajasthan State Electricity Board.

(b) Yes, Sir. Matter had been taken up by the Railways with the Chief Ministers of concerned States in the past.

(c) Some SEBs have cleared part of the dues payable by them to the Railways.

Statement

SEB's dues to Railways

The position of outstanding dues against State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses as on 30.06.2003 (Provisional) is as under:

(Rs. in Cr.)

SI.No.	Name of State Electricity Boards (SEBs)	Outstanding i as on 30.06.2003 (Provisional)
1.	Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board	1.32
2.	Assam State Electricity Board	0.30
3.	Bihar State Electricity Board	0.54
4.	Delhi Vidyut Board	181.23
5.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	1.58
6.	Haryana State Electricity Board	2.23
7.	Jharkhand State Electricity Board	0.37
8.	Karnataka State Electricity Board	0.56
9.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	4.62
10.	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board	9.91
11.	Punjab State Electricity Board	439.32
12.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	109.19
13.	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	0.59

SI. No.	Name of State Electricity Boards	Outstanding as on (SEBs) 30.06.2003 (Provisional)
14.	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board West	46.89
15.	Bengal State Electricity Board	17.22
SEB's	TOTAL:	815.87
	Name of Other major Power Houses	
16.	Badarpur Thermal Power Station National	964.18
17.	Thermal Power Corporation Damodar	25.98
18.	Valley Corporation	8.69
	TOTAL of Other Major PHs	988.85
	GRANDTOTAL	1814.72

Recruitment of Staff in Coaching Depots

667. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to recruit 14,000 personnel at Coaching Depots for 188 originating stations;

(b) if so, region-wise details of the employees going to be recruited; and

(c) whether it includes already announced recruitment of 20,000 Group 'D' employees during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of the recruitment of 20,000 persons for Group 'D' posts during the current year, a total of 520 has ben allotted to Mechanical Department. They would be deployed in Workshops, Diesel Sheds and Coaching Depots etc.